

Public Health Seeks Volunteers for Emergency Preparedness Exercise

DOVER – The Division of Public Health (DPH) is looking for volunteers to participate in an emergency preparedness exercise on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at two Delaware Technical Community College (Delaware Tech) campuses. The purpose of the exercise is to evaluate the state's ability to set up Points of Dispensing and simulate the dispersal of life-saving medication in an emergency situation.

Volunteers will report to either the Delaware Tech Stanton Campus (400 Stanton Road, Newark, DE 19713) or Terry Campus (100 Campus Drive, Dover, DE 19904). DPH is seeking volunteers for one-hour time slots at each location between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided to registered volunteers. During the exercise, volunteers will fill out forms and proceed through a line five to seven times to simulate medication dispensing to a large segment of Delaware's population.

Those interested in volunteering must register at <https://conta.cc/2STTHz1> and indicate the campus and time slot(s) for which they would like to volunteer. Participation is not required for the entire day, but registration is mandatory. No ID is required to participate.

"This exercise is an excellent opportunity for our staff to test our response capability and address any areas that may need improvement. It is imperative that in the event of a real-life incident, we are as prepared as possible to respond to the situation while keeping all Delaware residents safe and healthy," said DPH Director Dr. Karyl Rattay. "We highly encourage members of the public to volunteer for this event

and directly support DPH in its efforts to prepare for potential public health threats.”

If you have logistical questions about volunteering or wish to sign up a group of people to volunteer, contact exercise coordinators Shawn Foster or Trina Cale-Rosario at 302-223-1720.

A person who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind or speech-disabled can call the DPH phone number above by using TTY services. Dial 7-1-1 or 800-232-5460 to type your conversation to a relay operator, who reads your conversation to a hearing person at DPH. The relay operator types the hearing person’s spoken words back to the TTY user. To learn more about TTY availability in Delaware, visit <http://delawarerelay.com>.

The Department of Health and Social Services is committed to improving the quality of the lives of Delaware’s citizens by promoting health and well-being, fostering self-sufficiency, and protecting vulnerable populations. DPH, a division of DHSS, urges Delawareans to make healthier choices with the 5-2-1 Almost None campaign: eat 5 or more fruits and vegetables each day, have no more than 2 hours of recreational screen time each day (includes TV, computer, gaming), get 1 or more hours of physical activity each day, and drink almost no sugary beverages.